

What is claimed is:

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1. A modular communication system, comprising:  
a first communication device, having a first port  
5 which allows receiving broadband information, an expansion  
port which provides output data to allow adding additional  
data-receiving elements thereto, and a first electronic  
element which analyzes said broadband information and  
separates first information intended for said first  
10 communication device from second information that is not  
intended for said first communication device, and couples  
said second information to said expansion port.
2. A system as in claim 1 further comprising a  
15 universal serial bus adaptor for said expansion port.
3. A system as in claim 1 wherein said first  
information is data, and said second information is voice.
- 20 4. A system as in claim 3 wherein said first  
electronic element produces an output in Ethernet format.

5. A system as in claim 1, further comprising a second communication device, coupled to said expansion port, and receiving said voice information therefrom.

6. A system as in claim 1, wherein said second communication device includes a memory device, programmed with a plurality of identifying numbers,

and an information separator, which separates said voice information into a first part represented by said identifying numbers, and a second part that is not represented by said identifying numbers.

7. A system as in claim 6, further comprising an expansion port on said second communication device, receiving said second part.

8. A voice and data device, comprising:  
a connection to a high bandwidth information stream;  
a controller which investigates information from said high bandwidth stream, and determines portions of said information which represent data and other portions of said information which represent voice;  
a first output port for said data; and  
an expansion output port for said voice.

9. A device as in claim 8 further comprising a universal serial bus host, coupled to receive said other portions of said information, and produce an output  
5 indicative thereof, at said second port.

10. A device as in claim 8 wherein said controller formats said data into a standard network format.

10 11. A device as in claim 10 wherein said standard network format is a format from the group consisting Ethernet, USB or HPNA.

15 12. A device as in claim 8 further comprising a voice adapter, coupled to said expansion output port to receive voice information therefrom.

20 13. A device as in claim 12 wherein said voice adapter includes a pulse code modulation adapter device.

14. A device as in claim 13 wherein said voice adapter has connectors for at least one telephone.

15. A device as in claim 12 further comprising a memory device 205 that stores numbers indicating information intended for said voice adapter.

5 16. A method of providing service to a user, comprising:

providing the user with a first device which provides a first level of service for data, said first device including an expansion capability; and

10 expanding the service to the user by allowing the expansion capability to be used for an additional service, said additional service including at least voice.

15 17. A method as in claim 16 wherein said expanding comprises providing the user with an additionally expandable voice module which allows a plurality of voice lines to be obtained.

20 18. A method as in claim 17 further comprising allowing further expansion by allowing additional voice lines to be obtained by providing the user with a second voice interface device which connects to said first voice interface device.

19. A method as in claim 16, wherein said expanding comprises determining information intended for said module, and sending all information not intended for said module to said expansion capability.

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